

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOHN ESP, on January 12, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 6, 1/6/2009; SB 9, 1/6/2009

Executive Action: SB 74

HEARING ON SB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 SEN. RON ERICKSON (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on
SB 6, Revise public water supply fee law.

[EXHIBIT\(los06a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los06a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los06a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:22 Arvid Hiller, Vice President and General Manager,
Mountain Water Company, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(los06a04\)](#)

00:15:48 Donna G. Jensen, Cadmus Group Inc., Helena

[EXHIBIT\(los06a05\)](#)

00:18:50 Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns (LoCT)

00:21:26 Marty Hovan, Manager, Water Treatment Plant, Butte
Silver Bow County

00:23:30 Lee Wolfe, Wolfe Water Management, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:37 Steve Wade, representing Montana Rural Water Sytems

[EXHIBIT\(los06a06\)](#)

00:28:27 Dan Keil, Board Member, Montana Rural Water Systems

Informational Testimony:

00:30:42 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:31:01 Jon Dilliard, Department of Environmental Quality
(DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:32 Sen. Gillan

00:32:10 Sen. Erickson

00:34:10 Sen. Tutvedt

00:34:36 Jon Dilliard

00:35:54 Sen. Barkus

00:36:20 Jon Dilliard

00:39:17 Chairman Esp

00:39:29 Jon Dilliard

00:41:08 Sen. Tutvedt

00:41:31 Jon Dilliard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:31 Sen. Erickson

HEARING ON SB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:29 **SEN. RON ERICKSON (D)**, SD 47, opened the hearing on
SB 9, Authorize funding of transportation systems with
revenue bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:53 Ed Bartlett, representing City of Billings
00:51:30 Alec Hanson, LoCT

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:48 None

Informational Testimony:

00:54:57 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:05 Sen. Barkus
00:55:35 Sen. Erickson
00:57:51 Sen. Essmann
00:59:04 Ed Bartlett
01:01:19 Sen. Barkus
01:02:16 Ed Bartlett
01:03:16 Chairman Esp
01:03:36 Alec Hanson, LoCT
01:05:33 Chairman Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:56 Sen. Erickson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74

01:09:58 **Motion:** SEN. ESSMANN moved that **SB 74 DO PASS.**

01:10:18 **Motion:** SEN. JACKSON moved that **SB 74 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(los06a07)

Discussion:

01:11:13 Leanne Heisel
01:12:07 Sen. Tutvedt
01:12:54 Leanne Heisel
01:13:04 Sen. Gillan
01:14:18 Sen. Jackson
01:16:00 Sen. Tutvedt
01:16:08 Sen. Jackson

01:16:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:16:51 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. ESSMANN moved that **SB 74 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98

01:18:21 Chairman Esp

01:18:39 Leanne Heisel

01:20:09 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that **SB 98 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:20:17 Sen. Barkus

01:21:10 Leanne Heisel

01:21:51 Sen. Essmann

01:23:30 Chairman Esp

01:24:09 Sen. Gallus

01:24:18 Sen. Tutvedt

01:24:46 Leanne Heisel

01:25:57 Sen. Gillan

01:27:12 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that motion **SB 98 DO PASS** be withdrawn. Without objection, the committee agreed.

Discussion:

01:27:31 Sen. Erickson

01:31:25 Chairman Esp

01:31:48 Sen. Essmann

01:32:40 Leanne Heisel

EXHIBIT(los06a08)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([los06aad.pdf](#))